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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

According to the present invention, a method for manufacturing a liquid discharge head includes the steps of depositing a solid layer(3) for forming a flow path on a substrate(1) on which an energy generating element(2) is arranged to generate energy that is used to discharge liquid, forming, on the substrate where the solid layer is mounted, a coating layer(4) for coating the solid layer, forming a discharge port(7) used to discharge a liquid, through a photolithographic process, in the coating layer formed on the solid layer, and removing the solid layer to form a flow path(8) that communicates with the energy element and the discharge port, whereby a material used for the coating layer contains a cationically polymerizable chemical compound, cationic photopolymerization initiator and an inhibitor of cationic photopolymerization, and whereby a material of the solid layer that forms a boundary with a portion where the discharge port of the coating layer is formed contains a copolymer of methacrylic anhydride and methacrylate ester.

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